

PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2022-25



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- HWB responsible for production of a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) every 3 years.
- PNA is an assessment of need for pharmaceutical services in a HWB area. Pharmaceutical services are nationally commissioned services provided by community pharmacies, dispensing appliance contractors, and dispensaries in GP practices.
- Next PNA is due for publication by 1 October 2022 at <https://www.durhaminsight.info/pna/>.
- Final draft agreed by PNA Steering Group (HWB sub-group) following a statutory 60-day public consultation.



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- PNA considers population health needs (considers JSNA and JHWS), current provision of nationally commissioned pharmaceutical services that can meet health needs, and therefore whether there are any potential gaps in pharmaceutical service delivery over a 3-year period.
- PNA describes public views of pharmacy services (gathered during preparation of the PNA and then during statutory public consultation).
- If gaps are identified, a PNA then describes any needs for, or improvements or better access to specified pharmaceutical services in a specified area. This can then trigger applications to meet those needs or to secure those improvements or better access to pharmaceutical services.



Conclusions

There are still sufficient pharmaceutical services across County Durham:

- There is a good distribution of pharmaceutical services in areas of high population density, and in areas with more significant health needs.
- Reasonable distribution of pharmacies exists with extended and weekend opening hours in all localities.
- Estimated builds of future housing developments by 2025 will not require new pharmaceutical services.
- County Durham has 24 pharmacies per 100,000 population. This is higher than the England average of 21 per 100,000.
- Public surveys of pharmaceutical services indicate that on average 92% of people who responded stated that they could easily access pharmaceutical services.



Key statements

- Provision of all essential and necessary advanced services (New Medicine Service and Community Pharmacist Consultation Service) in County Durham are adequate to meet current and future needs for pharmaceutical services.
- Provision of the other relevant advanced service, the Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination is adequate however a more equitable provision is required across all localities.
- Widespread provision of the new other relevant advanced services (Hypertension Case-Finding Service and Smoking Cessation Service) should be encouraged.

